



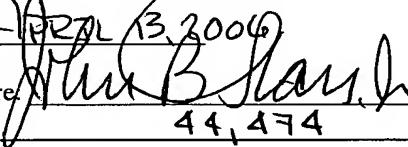
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a) | | Docket Number: 1662/61606 | |
| Application Number 10/688,697 | Filing Date October 17, 2003 | Examiner Robert Shiao | Art Unit 1626 |
| Invention Title Process for Preparing Losartan Potassium with Improved Flowability | | Inventors LIFSHITZ, et al. | |

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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2005 for the above-identified application.
2. Applicants hereby request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of October 13, 2005, which set a three-month period for response. The extended period for response now expires on April 13, 2006. Please charge the **\$1,020.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. The filing fee has been calculated after entry of the accompanying Amendment as shown below:

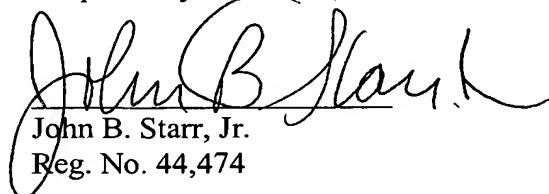
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | | minus | 26 | 0 | 50.00 | 0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | | minus | 5 | 0 | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED | | | | | 360.00 | 0.00 |
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4. No additional claims fee is due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number **11-0600**:

- A. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16;
- B. Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
- C. Any additional patent issue fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18;
- D. Any additional document supply fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.19;
- E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20; or
- F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.

5. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 111 WITH REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2005 and with an extension of time of three months, the present paper is timely filed on or before April 13, 2006.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Applicants' remarks begin on page 3.

The Request for Extension of Time is on page 6.

The Authorization to Debit is on page 6.

Please amend the Application as follows.

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